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EUROPE

1. USSR: Moscow meeting of Soviet-Satellite military leaders--
US Embassy Moscow transmits a reliable report that high-level Czechoslovak and Polish military delegations have arrived there. The Embassy believes that an "elaboration of Soviet-Satellite military integration" may be the next step after the recent establishment of the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance. The US Military Attaché in Moscow suggests that a conference of Soviet-Satellite military leaders may foreshadow the announcement of a military pact which would be analogous to the mutual aid council in the economic sphere.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the formation of a defense council is the Kremlin's next logical move as a countermeasure to the North Atlantic Pact. However, such a defense council would mean little more than a formalization of the existing integration of control of military forces.)

Further Kremlin overtures predicted--The US Military Attaché in Moscow, in an analysis of Stalin's second press interview, predicts that the Kremlin will make "further overtures" in the near future. The MA believes that the Soviet and Satellite populace, and perhaps a sizable segment of world opinion, will accept the Soviet-inspired thesis that "Stalin strove for peaceful settlement and Truman refused."

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the Kremlin will make additional propaganda overtures in an effort to obtain US agreement to enter into bilateral negotiations with the USSR.)

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

2. PALESTINE: Israeli steps toward absorbing Jerusalem--
US Consulate General in Jerusalem expresses the view that the extension of Israeli civil law to the Jerusalem area is

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tamount to incorporation of the Jewish-held sections of the city into the state of Israel. The Consulate declares that this action "faces the UN and US with a virtual fait accompli." In the Consulate's opinion, the Department of State should officially declare that: (a) US de jure recognition of Israel does not extend to the incorporation of any portion of Jerusalem into Israel; and (b) the US firmly supports the UN view that Jerusalem should be an international city.

Transjordan favors partition of Jerusalem--US Representative McDonald in Tel Aviv has been reliably informed that King Abdullah of Transjordan recently expressed his opposition to the internationalization of Jerusalem and his preference for partition. Abdullah reportedly favors the assignment of part of the city to Transjordan and part to Israel, with both parts remaining under some form of UN supervision.

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